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Pursuant reference telegram and telecon Martin Wednesday afternoon, I called on [] 5:00 p.m. to point out apparent contradiction between GOB position in OAS and in talks with me and official statement issued Tuesday night. [] reacted with somewhat sheepish apology, saying that I understood severity public opinion pressures to which GOB subjected. I went on to point out that clear Cuban refusal accept UN observers, plus their UN statement about our trying to distinguish good and bad missiles amounted admission their possession, in spite of continued Soviet denials. [] I said that if this admission had taken place 12 hours earlier, they would have voted for whole OAS resolution, thus giving coverage for possible measures in addition to blockade. I hoped that no such measures would be necessary, but wanted assurance that if they were, GOB should not protest or condemn. [] He replied that he assumed that if any such measures were necessary, GOB would have opportunity to hear some explanation of reasons leading to them, and on this basis would express their solidarity with us. Reiterated that GOB fully comprehended grave threat to US national security, and would not fail to support necessary measures of protection. I remarked that it was not possible in country with free press to maintain one foreign policy for external and another for internal consumption, and left subject at that.

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[] also said that late last night, prior to leaving for Brasília, Goulart had been toying with draft personal telegram to President Kennedy expressing his solidarity. Was unable to complete before departure time, and Foreign Minister did not then know whether had been sent or not. My guess is that it was not.

I inquired as to whether they had any thoughts for UN action in view Cuban refusal accept observers. He offered no suggestions, other than hope some forum would be found for US-Soviet negotiation.

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